

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2203**  
**Clarence Wright House**  
**2008 Ruxton Road**  
**Baltimore, Baltimore County**  
**Ca. 1917**  
**Private**

The Clarence Wright House is located in Rockland in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. The house was constructed circa 1917 and in 1918, tax records show Clarence Wright as the owner of the dwelling. Based on the tax records, the house measured 29 feet by 30 feet and had an estimated value of \$3,433. According to the 1915 Bromley Atlas of Baltimore County, the house was erected on land previously owned by the William Wright Company.

Situated on a sloping lot with mature trees and a wood fence, the Colonial Revival-style house is adjacent to Interstate 83. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the two-and-a-half story dwelling is two bays wide. The first story of the wood frame dwelling is clad in German siding and the second story in square-butt wood shingles. The façade or south elevation features a single-leaf, panel-and-light wood door with light-and-panel sidelights. Six 1/1 windows with square-edged surrounds and sills pierce this elevation. The wrap-around, one-story porch is four bays wide and is supported by Tuscan columns atop brick piers. A boxed cornice with a molded frieze lies beneath the eaves of the hipped roof. Clad in slate tiles, the roof has a central interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap and hipped roof dormers with slate tile cladding. On the rear of the house, there is a two-story wood frame addition with a flat roof and a brick pier foundation. A circa 1990 wood deck wraps around the northeast corner of the house. The property is further improved by a circa 1920 workshop and a circa 1980 garage.

(indicate preferred name)

other

county Baltimore County

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

state MD

tax map 69

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	___	___ sites
___site		<u>X</u> domestic	___social	___	___ structures
___object		___education	___transportation	___	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				1	

## 7. Description

Inventory No. BA-2203

### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Colonial Revival-style Clarence Wright House was constructed circa 1917 in Rockland. Situated on a sloping lot with mature trees and a wood fence, the house is adjacent to Interstate 83. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the two-and-a-half story dwelling is two bays wide. The first story of the wood frame dwelling is clad in German siding and the second story in square-butt wood shingles. The façade or south elevation features a single-leaf, panel-and-light wood door with light-and-panel sidelights. Six 1/1 windows with square-edged surrounds and sills pierce this elevation. The wrap-around, one-story porch is four bays wide and is supported by Tuscan columns atop brick piers. A boxed cornice with a molded frieze lies beneath the eaves of the hipped roof. Clad in slate tiles, the roof has a central interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap and hipped roof dormers with slate tile cladding. On the rear of the house, there is a two-story wood frame addition with a flat roof and a brick pier foundation. A circa 1990 wood deck wraps around the northeast corner of the house.

The property is further improved by a circa 1920 workshop and a circa 1980 garage. The one-story, wood frame workshop is set on a poured concrete foundation. Clad in German siding, the building features two 4/4 windows, an eight-light fixed window, a single-leaf, panel-and-light door, and an asphalt shingle shed roof. The wood frame garage is set on a poured concrete foundation and is clad in wood shingles. The front gable roof has asphalt shingles and there is a wood roll-up door that is paneled with lights.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1917 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1917 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> "History of the Area." Located on the Internet on May 22, 2001 at <http://www.bcpl.net/~ruxrider/area-history.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County*, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, 1978), p. 195.

<sup>3</sup> "News Makers." Located on the Internet on May 22, 2001 at <http://www.dwcdesignet.com/DWC/Jan'00/newsmk.html>.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.19 Acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Clarence Wright House is located at 2008 Ruxton Road in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 69, Parcel 618 since its construction circa 1917.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich, A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 22, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

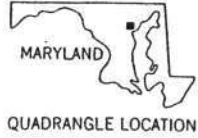


- EA-2141  
1006 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2359  
1000 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2425  
1517 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- EA-1775  
1400 WALNUT HILL LANE  
BALTIMORE,  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- EA-2202  
2004 RUXTON ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2203  
2008 RUXTON ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2642
- BA-2372  
10113 FALLS ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

40' 358 359000m.E 39°22'30" 176°37'30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- |                  |            |                 |       |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| Heavy-duty       | —————      | Light-duty      | ————— |
| Medium-duty      | —————      | Unimproved dirt | ===== |
| Interstate Route | U.S. Route | State Route     |       |



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1957  
PHOTOREVISED 1986  
DMA 5662 I NW-SERIES V833

visions shown in purple and woodland compiled by the  
ological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1983  
d other sources. This information not field checked  
p edited 1986

urple tint indicates extension of urban areas

(BALTIMORE EAST)  
5662 I SE



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

APRIL 2001

MD SHPO

SOUTHWEST CORNER

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TRACERIES

APRIL 2001

MD SHPO

WORKSHOP

3 OF 3

B4- 2203

**CLARENCE WRIGHT HOUSE** - 1917 - 2008 Ruxton Road, Rockland vicinity. The first structure east of I-83, this is a colonial revival or "American Four-Square" house in frame and shingle, built by a member of the Rockland Bleach family on a portion detached from the Johnson Wright tract in December 1916. By 1918, the tax ledger showed Clarence Wright with a house 29 x 30 feet, worth \$3,433. Owner: N.B. Hollingsworth.